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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of persons died/injured while mining in gold field during each of the last three years ;

(b) The details of relief and compensation paid by the Government to the victims during the said period; and

(c) The details of precautionary measures taken by the Government to stop such untoward incident in the mining field in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (Dr. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) : As per the information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines, the Hutti Gold Mines Company Limited (HGMCL), a Karnataka State Government public sector undertaking is the only company presently engaged in the mining of gold in the country. There is no report of deaths while mining in HGMCL during each of the last three years.The number of persons injured during the year 2003, 2004 and 2005 is 37, 24 and 9 respectively.

(b) :The medical relief was provided to all the injured persons by the HGMCL. A total compensation of Rs.4,37,411/- was paid to the injured persons during the period 2003, 2004 and 2005.

(c)Elaborate provisions for safety and protection of health of Mine workers have been made in Mines Act, 1952 and the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder. These are implemented by the Director General of Mines Safety(DGMS) an organisation under Ministry of Labour and Employment. Officers of Directorate General of Mines Safety make periodic inspection of the mines to oversee compliance and issue violation letters in case of non-compliance. On detection of unsafe conditions in mines, DGMS issues improvement notices and also issues prohibitory orders under the Mines Act, 1952. Prosecutions are launched by DGMS in case no improvement is noticed. Besides, DGMS also issues guidelines, creates general awareness and holds discussions on safety conditions in mines. Other improvement measures taken by DGMS include the concept of Risk Assessment, preparation of Safety Management Plan and development of Emergency Response System and introduction of new technology in mining wit h low potential risk.